

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of )  
GERRIT J. B. ASSINK ET AL ) Class 252, Subclass 373  
 ) Group Art Unit:  
DIVISIONAL OF SERIAL NO. 09/720,288 )  
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CATALYTIC PARTIAL OXIDATION ) June 20, 2003  
WITH TWO CATALYTICALLY-ACTIVE )  
METALS )  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115**

Prior to taking up the case for examination, please amend the application as follows: